Chapter 13 Section 2.2

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS PHYSICIANS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

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I. ISSUE

What are the limitations on reimbursement of National Health Service Corps (NHSC) physicians?

II. POLICY

- A. Physicians of the NHSC may be assigned to areas where there is a shortage of medical providers. These physicians are prohibited from accepting TRICARE payments, but the entities to which they are assigned are eligible for payment. Therefore, each contractor shall maintain a list of all such physicians within the contractor's service area to ensure that payments are not made directly to the physicians. The names of such physicians are available from the Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.
- B. Payment to the entities to which the NHSC physicians are assigned is to be made in accordance with the allowable charge procedures. Thus, NHSC physicians' charges should be recorded for future use in calculating prevailing charges.

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